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HEALTH AND SOLDIERS

FOR SOME years prior to the outbreak of the war careful observers had from time to time directed attention to the growing neglect of the British government by reason of which many of its citizens were so ill cared for their stature actually decreased. For this reason and others having to do with the physical condition of the plain people the standard for enlistment in the British army had been reduced. In Germany, on the other hand, where great care had been given to the physical well-being of the people during forty years, stature and health increased, and a far larger proportion of the whole nation was fit for soldier duty than could have been found anywhere else.

The United States needs to take a lesson from Great Britain and Germany. From Great Britain, to learn what to avoid, and from Germany, to learn what to do.

Reports from our own recent attempts to enlist a few thousand volunteers are far from encouraging. The number of applications is not as large as might be expected. Of those who apply, a number ranging between a third and a quarter of all who apply are found in a fit physical condition to meet the requirements. While the conditions for enlistment in the United States require a considerable degree of physical well-being, they are not such as to explain the numerous rejections. It must be supposed that an extraordinarily large number of the American people are under normal height, or over-weight, or have serious physical defects or poor health. The need for some general system of supervising the health of the people is apparent.

Germany, undertaking the task of making the nation healthy, found herself obliged to deal with the conditions of industry to regulate conditions which made for frail health. Germany for some years past has extended a regulating hand over the environment of motherhood. The government sees to it that no mother industrially employed, is over-burdened with her task and, when necessary or advisable, makes a payment, to insure the mother a two weeks rest after the birth of her child. The nation also supports means to keep its men physically strong and in good exercise.

What means the United States shall take to insure good health and sound physique to Uncle Sam's citizens remains to be determined. National preparedness requires a sound citizenship.

EIGHT HOUR DAY ON RAILROADS

AMERICAN RAILROADS never have been noted for their candor in dealing with the public, with their employees or with their stockholders. A slimy trail of corruption, bribery, deception and gigantic swindling marks the development of the American transportation system, now almost broken down because of burdens of legalized theft too heavy to bear.

Seldom have American railroads suffered by legislation, except through improper legislation procured by themselves, through the agency of slush funds and undue influence.

Were it not for the honest legislation adopted by Congress within the past ten or fifteen years, two-thirds of the railroad systems of America would probably be in receivership.

During all these years, when the railroads have enjoyed the income of an Eldorado, railroad workers have been over-worked and underpaid.

A railroad worker's day is long.

His life is short.

A railroad worker's pay is modest.

His chance of being made a cripple is enormous.

It is now admitted by everybody that the eight hour day is the right working day. It is enough for healthy men to work in healthy occupations, where each will live out his expectancy.

There are no workers in America, except possibly those who work in mines, tunnels or air locks, or in kindred occupations who need the eight hour day as much as railroad men need it.

The American people know this to be true, and they stand behind the railroad men in their righteous demand for a normal American working day.

WEST HAVEN'S DISTINCTION

BETWEEN NEW YORK and Boston a good road runs except in places where the State stops on the edge of a city, or borough. Unfortunately, cities and boroughs do not always maintain their portions of the state highway as well as they might. There is a competition to see which shall have the worst section of bad road sandwiched into the good state road.

The sad distinction of keeping the worst piece of highway between New York and Boston, and probably between Buffalo and Portland, belongs to West Haven.

The name of this street is Campbell Avenue, which in summer is a sort of mountain range, consisting of lofty peaks and low-lying valleys, through the center of which wobbles a couple of trolley tracks. In late winter and early spring this abandoned stretch of wicked highway is bordered by a stream of flowing water, a little wider than the Quassapaug, and a little narrower than the Housatonic. For the information of those unfamiliar with it, it may be added that the highway here described begins at Savin Rock and ends at Congress Avenue, where the Milford turnpike swings into Allingtown.

Pastors in West Haven churches offer special prayer for the protection of those who face the perils of automobiling on Campbell Avenue.

LOOK BEFORE BUYING WARRENITE

IF THE CITIZENS of Bridgeport vote more money for the purchase of Warrenite, they will do it with their eyes wide open. Their pocketbooks will have to be kept to keep the Warrenite in repair. A great deal of Warrenite has been laid in Connecticut, thanks to the energy of the monopoly which sells this patented pavement. Some of it has been down for three years; most of it for a lesser period.

All the way from Bridgeport to Stamford, where Warrenite has been laid, it is in bad condition at many points. The Warrenite on Connecticut Avenue, which is in very bad shape is,

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Spring Footwear

Spring styles in laced boots, dull calf, Kidskin and patent kid with cloth and Kid tops.

Walking Boots, in gray, champagne, mocha, bronze, tan, white and black.

"Triple A's" in good assortment.

Novelties in Sport Shoes.

Second floor.

Silk Stockings

Kayser Marvel Stripe
Oh, what woman does not long for a Silk Stocking that will not "run ladders!" That sort of stocking is here, and the knack of ladder control is in an extra stitching below the knee. They are guaranteed not to run.

\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

In white, black, bronze, smoke, navy blue, gray, pink and blue.

Neglige Shirts for Men

Scotch Flannels, the easy going models, neutral tinted, with neck bands for attaching linen collars or for the soft flannel collar that comes with the shirt, \$1.00

Soisettes, same model, \$1.00

Soft French cuffs with either:

Pajamas, spring weight, in madras or galatea cloth.

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00

Main floor, right aisle.

Cycloramic View of San Francisco Exposition

This exhibit which for this week occupies a large room on the third floor, in connection with the Upholstery Section, is an exact portrayal in miniature of the great San Francisco Fair. Everything has been reproduced in detail, the fair grounds, the beautiful buildings, the bay with a fleet of battleships coming through the Golden Gate and little pleasure boats skimming about. It is all very wonderful.

Exhibits mornings and afternoons.

There will be an explanatory talk by a lecturer in attendance and during this half-hour period visitors will behold a transition from afternoon sunlight through a gorgeous sunset to silvery moonlight, as between 2 o'clock in the afternoon and 9 o'clock in the evening.

Third floor.

Spring Fashion Hints for Little Folk

Little Coats, little frocks, little hats. Everything that is needed by the youngest in their joyful days.

Creepers, sensible little garments of colored chambray and strong seersucker, pink, blue, tan, and white. For ages 1 to 2 years, at 59, 75 cts and \$1.00

Better grades at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

White Creepers with dainty smocking in delicate blue and pink.

Seeded Voile Creepers, made up very daintily.

Rompers of plain or striped materials, colors and white. For ages 2 to 6 years, From 59 cts to \$3.00

"Coverall" play rompers, at 50 cts

White Frocks of dainty seeded voile, smocked with blue or pink. For ages 2 and 3 years, \$2.50

Bloomer Dresses in pink, blue, buff and corn color. Pretty little models with patch pockets. For ages 4, 5 and 6 years, at \$1.50

Frocks of plaid chambray or gingham. For ages 3 to 6 years, 75 cts and \$1.00

For Little Boys

White Suits all nicely hand-smocked with blue or pink. For ages 2, 3 and 4 years, \$2.50

White Pique Suits, hand embroidered. For 3 year size, \$2.50

Fancy White Madras Suits, belted, \$2.50

Middy Suits, blue and white striped. For ages 3 to 6 years, \$1.25

Belted Suits, blue tan and rose. Ages 3 to 6 years, \$2.00

White Suits, hand embroidered in colors, \$1.75 to \$3.50

Second floor.

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nevertheless, in much better shape than that which has been laid between Bridgeport and South Norwalk.

He who sees for himself the condition of all these miles of Warrenite, will know that it is neither a permanent avement nor a profitable pavement to lay at the price which Bridgeport has been paying.

John Burroughs Stands at Threshold of His 80th Year

John Burroughs, the famous naturalist and essayist, was born at Roxbury, N. Y., 79 years ago today, April 3, 1837. At the threshold of octogenarianism, the venerable see of "Slab-sides" finds each day too short for his teeming thoughts. In his younger days Mr. Burroughs was a school teacher, a treasury clerk and a national bank examiner, but for more than forty years he has lived on his remote farm, devoting his time to studying the beasts and birds, and to literature and fruit culture. The aged naturalist is a close friend of Colonel Roosevelt, but he has found one flaw in the Oyster Bay statesman. "Teddy's most serious fault," he declared on one occasion, "is his inability to loaf. He plunges through the woods as though he had to get somewhere at a certain time. I like to saunter. I wish he could overcome that fault, for it would be much more pleasant to tramp with him."

Among the many interesting volumes that bear the name of John Burroughs, one of the most interesting to the philosophic mind is "The Breath of Life," issued last year. In this work the naturalist leaves the fields and forests with which he is so familiar, and ventures forth into the unknown. "As life nears its end with me," he muses, "I find myself meditating more and more upon the mystery of its nature and origin, yet without the least hope that I can find out the ways of the eternal in this or in any other world." Like many other eminent men of science, Mr. Burroughs takes the agnostic view of life and death and the hereafter. He has no hope that science can ever solve the mystery of life phenomena, but he adds that "an explanation that savors of the theo-

logical point of view is equally distasteful to me." Neither science nor religion offer any solutions of the "Whence" and "Whither" which appeal to the veteran naturalist. In his mental wanderings he considers a multitude of theories, but reaches no definite conclusions. In this as in all his books, Burroughs displays a literary style that is almost above criticism, and renders his works "easy reading" even for those little given to serious literature.

STRATFORD

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, April 3.—A pool and billiard tournament will be begun at the Cupheag club Wednesday evening, April 3. The tournament is open to all members. To make the tournament more interesting, Frederick S. Beardsley, president of the organization, and Harry A. Burnes, vice president, have donated two silver loving cups to be awarded to the persons having the highest score in each tournament. The committee in charge of the affair is Frank Hanson, Clayton K. Blakeslee and William R. Booth.

Charles Abercrombie, newsdealer, is ill at his home with the grip.

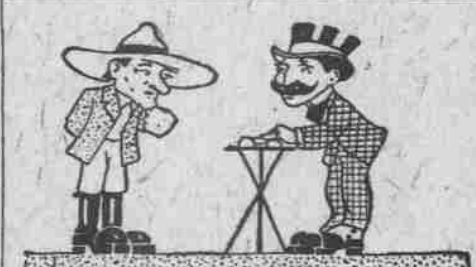
Bonds of \$15 were forfeited by Walter Noble of Hollister Heights charged with creating a disturbance and beating his wife. Noble was arrested yesterday by Constable William E. Bassett.

April 14 will be observed in the schools of New York state as State Bird Day, to encourage study and care of the birds.

SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS.
JOHN RECK & SON.

Carrying a 3-inch gun on her deck, the French steamship Volcan arrived at New York from La Palice.

A report from a town in Chihuahua states that General Villa has been forced to have his wounded leg amputated.



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We have received a case of men's natural grey, medium weight, shirts and drawers, which has been rather difficult to get. This was ordered early in the winter to be delivered February 1st. We had to stir up the mill to make them get it ready, and then, long after the time of delivery, they reported that it could not be shipped on account of railroad embargo, so, after some correspondence, we had it shipped by express. It cost us a good deal to get it here; but our customers can have the underwear at the old price—FIFTY CENTS.

THE EARL OF DERBY

One of the most influential figures in Great Britain during the war has been the Earl of Derby, who stands next to Lord Kitchener, perhaps, in the respect and confidence of his countrymen. Edward George Villiers Stanley, 17th Earl of Derby, will pass his fifty-first milestone tomorrow, having been born on April 4, 1865. His title dates from 1485, when one of his ancestors was created an earl as a reward for his gallantry in the battle of Bosworth. Lord Derby's greatest service to Britain in the war has been as recruiting chief. In February he accepted the chairmanship of a joint naval and military board to control the British air service, but remained in charge of recruiting. From the first the Earl was understood to favor conscription, but out of loyalty to Kitchener he accepted the post of recruiting chief under the voluntary system, and no man in England worked harder at his task. The Earl laid the chief blame for the failure to achieve the full results he had aimed at to the easy examination of single men engaged in the necessary trades, but especially to the farmers. More

than 90 per cent. of the appeals, he said, were from the agriculturists. Lord Derby was aide-de-camp to his father, the 15th Earl of Derby, when the latter, as Lord Stanley, was Governor General of Canada from 1889 to 1893. His grandfather, the 14th Earl, was once offered the throne of Greece, but declined it. Lord Derby's ancestors in the male line of descent long reigned as sovereigns over the Isle of Man. Few of the noble families of Great Britain can boast of as many illustrious men as the Stanleys, headed by these so-called "Duke of Man" and the present chief of the clan seems to be living up to the family's reputation.

MOTTE FINED FOR MAINTAINING HOUSE OF ILL REPUTE HERE.

Antonio Motte of 220 North Washington Avenue, was fined \$25 and costs for keeping a disorderly house at his residence, when arraigned before Judge Bartlett in city court today. Five frequenters were released when their cases were nolleed. They said they heard there was a party in the Motte home and they joined.